

REMARKS

The Office Action of 01/11/2007 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 was indicated as containing allowable subject matter, which indication is appreciatively acknowledged.


The remaining claims were rejected as being anticipated by Therssen. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The rejection states in part "Therssen discloses a method for a receiver...characterized in that the analog stereo multiplex signal is converted into a time signal is shifted over a frequency of 19 kHz (by QMF) and then further shifted with 19 kHz (by M2 and LP2, so the sum and difference can be dematrixed to form the left and right signals)." Applicant respectfully disagrees.

There is no indication in Therssen that the half-band low-pass filter circuit QMF performs signal shifting by 19 kHz as described and claimed. Furthermore, the elements M2 and LP2 clearly do not perform the function of further shifting the signal by 19 kHz as described and claimed. The function of M2 and LP2 is described at col. 6, line 50 to col. 7, line 2 of the cited reference. Essentially, this combination of components functions as an amplitude detector for a 19 kHz stereo pilot in the received signal. Depending on the detected amplitude, a mono-stereo selector MSS is controlled for either mono or stereo operation.

It should be clear therefore that Therssen does not anticipate the present invention as claimed. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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